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I understand that FCC is soliciting public comments regarding the NAB petition that seeks to stop XM from providing XM Instant Traffic & Weather.

I am a valued XM customer and avid listener of XM's Traffic and Weather service. It is the first channel I tune into before I embark on my 1 hour 30 minute commute to work each morning to one of the 10 most traffic congested Metropolitan areas in the US. I can take alternate route if a traffic jam if a timely traffic jam or accident is reported. I want to put emphasis on timely because XM's instant traffic update delivered every 5 minutes which makes the service more useful to commuters and Public Safety, and State Highway Safety personnel. The typical Local Commercial FM Radio Stations give updated local traffic reports every 15 to 30 minutes because of their heavy Radio Advertisement inserts which miss a lot of new recent evolving traffic jam situations minimizing the commuters opportunity to avoid a traffic jam situation. The majority of the traffic reports offered by the Local AM/FM Commercial Stations is provided by same traffic report service company (Metro Traffic) whose announcers rush to deliver within the 30 second commercial slot timeframe so the traffic report is not as comprehensive as XM's Traffic service.

XM's Satellite Radio technology also has the potential capability to integrate with GPS/Navigational Systems to send alternate routes to your destination to avoid traffic jams or for best ETA route to your destination base on current traffic conditions which would be a great complement to the existing Radio traffic reports. I'm not sure if this capability is currently being developed but XM's technology could possibly support it.

I am also a recreational boater and rely heavily on XM's accurate and timely Weather reports. Although XM has The Weather Channel in programming lineup. The Weather Channel local reports are not frequent enough to benefit mariners. It is also a great compliment to XM's Marine Weather Service for those who subscribe to it. Local AM/FM Commercial Radio stations only report Weather updates every hour or so buried into their news segment. An hour on the water is a long time, when a summer thunderstorm can appear in minutes. Listeners love the fact that they can get an instant weather report anytime the instant you tune in to the channel. This differs very much from what is offered from local AM/FM Commercial stations.

The Local AM/FM Commercial Stations currently holds the monopoly on delivering Local News and Covering Local Area Community Issues, Events and Public Service announcements which would be very difficult for a national broadcast service like XM to provide, therefore the Local AM/FM Stations still maintain a protected space in the local broadcast markets and I believe XM's Management will respect the fact that the Local AM/FM Stations can do a better job at delivering Local News etc. when XM doesn't necessarily add value and it would be too costly to try to effectively deliver the same local News, Issues and Events.

I and many other XM listeners share my opinion fail to see the validity of NAB's position when the local AM/FM Stations currently and will continue to provide the majority of local oriented content on Radio. This is no different than when the Cable TV companies began offering The Weather Channel or Home Team Sports because they have the available bandwidth to provide a dedicated channel for a more comprehensive weather and local sports programming. Some Commercial TV could never offer. The FCC would do a great dis-service to the public if they stopped XM's Traffic and Weather Service.

